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Dear Commissioner Copps:

I am strongly in favor of number portability and hope that the FCC will not back down from the cellular industry on this issue.

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We consumers, the backbone and muscle of our economy, deserve to choose our cellular providers based on quality of cellular service, not on the lack of convenience of having to change phone numbers.

I know the cellular providers will make the case that they already are competitive. They will probably cite the number of alternate providers that exist. But even a large number of providers, all offering similar pricing, service, technical coverage and equipment, does not make for a competitive environment.

I believe that consumers ability to change cellular providers more freely, without having to change phone numbers, will make the cellular industry become truly competitive in terms of system quality and reliability, customer service and pricing.

Sincerely,

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